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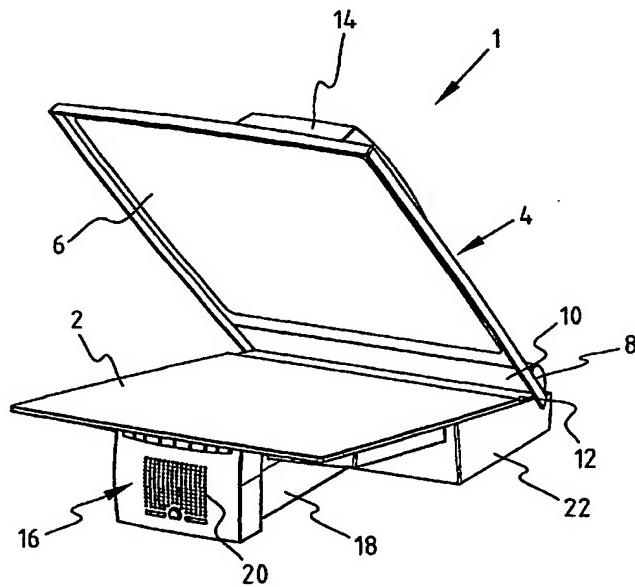
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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides a videophone for communication with eye contact, comprising a screen, a camera and a semi-transparent mirror. The screen is arranged at an angle  $\alpha$  relative to a support. The mirror lies at an angle of  $45^\circ$  relative to the screen, whereby the viewing axis is directed downward. At an angle  $\alpha$  up to  $10^\circ$  this has hardly any adverse consequences for communication. The advantage of the angle  $\alpha$  is however that the videophone, particularly in the closed position, takes up less space and is lower.



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